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1. EMBASSY HAS PASSED TO SWISS USG VIEWS ON TACTICS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION.

2. INITIAL SWISS REACTION (FROM LEVY, DIVISION OF COMMERCE) IS THAT SWISS CONCUR, BUT HOPE THAT SOMEHOW ANY NEGOTIATION OF AN AGENDA BEYOND THOSE TOPICS STRICTLY RELEVANT TO A COMPREHENSIVE, OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE EFFECTS UPON IT OF CHANGES IN THE ENERGY MARKET CAN BE AVOIDED. SWISS BELIEVE THAT THE TOPICS FOR
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REFTEL) SHOULD EMERGE AS A RESULT OF THE ANALYSIS. THEY FEAR THAT TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE THEM IN ADVANCE WOULD BRING ON A CONFRONTATION WITH THE LDC'S WHICH MIGHT PREVENT THE FIRST MEETING FROM GETTING BEYOND THE EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREED LIST, EVEN IF THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF A NEUTRAL DOCUMENT SIMILAR TO THE ONE MENTIONED IN PARA 3 REFTEL.

3. HAVING SAID THIS, LEVY ADMITTED HE DID NOT KNOW HOW SUCH A NEGOTIATION COULD BE AVOIDED. HE SAID SWISS WILL DISCUSS THEIR POSITION FURTHER OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, BUT THAT THEIR POSITION MAY NOT BE FULLY DECIDED UNTIL THE DELEGATION IS ENROUTE TO PARIS AND/OR DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING.
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